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Caston Students Return to Classes Au- gust 16

The 2006-2007 school year begins Wednesday, August 16, for all students, K-12, attending the Caston Corporation Schools. Classes for elementary students begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:12 p.m. Junior-senior high classes begin at 8:35 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. (Professional early release days will be October 12, November 2, December 13, January 23, February 27 and May 4, at which time students will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m.)

All corporation buses will run on Wednesday, August 16. Drivers plan their routes to arrive at school by 8:25 a.m. Transportation for half-day kindergarten students will also be provided one way beginning August 16.

Students enrolling in kindergarten must be five (5) years old and students enrolling in the first grade must be six (6) years old on or before August 1, 2006. Parents need to provide certification from a physician that their child has been properly immunized and also they need to present a valid birth certificate if these have not previously been provided to the school. Effective July 1, 1999, the immunization list must also include hepatitis B.

Students in grades K-6 who are new students or did not enroll by mail may do so at the Caston Elementary office beginning Monday, August 7, through Wednesday, August 9. Hours are the same as listed below for the junior-senior high school enrollment.

Students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) will enroll at the Guidance Office on the following schedule:

Monday, August 7 - all students (including new students), 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8 - all students, 12:01 to 3:30 p.m. and 5 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9 - all students, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Seventh grade orientation will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, in the cafeteria.

Book rental fees will be: kindergarten, \$50; Grade 1, \$95; Grade 2, \$100; Grade 3, \$105; Grade 4, \$90; Grades 5 and 6, \$85; and Grades 7 and 8, \$120. Fees for grades 9-12 vary depending on classes taken. Rental fees are to be paid prior to the first day of school.

All students are to pay fees at the Bookstore beginning Monday, August 7, through Wednes-

day, August 9. The hours are 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 12:01 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Lunch will be served beginning Wednesday, August 16, at a cost of \$1.70 for students in grades 1-6 and \$1.85 for students in grades 7-12. Breakfast will be served at a cost of \$1.25. Each student will establish a renewable lunch account for meal fees. Meal fees may be credited to the student account in weekly, monthly, six or nine week, semi-annual or annual payments. Some students may be eligible for reduced lunch fees based on the guidelines listed below. Applications for this assistance will be available in the bookstore.

Students attending vocational education at the Century Career Center and special education classes in Logansport will begin on Tuesday, August 15. Special education students will be picked up at their homes by the special education bus (No. 041) and will be transported directly to Logansport to arrive there at approximately 8 a.m. Beginning Wednesday, August 16, Century Career Center students will attend classes at Caston in the morning and will be transported back to Caston at approximately 3:15. Fees for Century Career Center and special education students attending Logansport schools are payable to the respective schools they attend.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 restricts the release of most information about students and restricts the availability of student records. Only directory information may be made public with parental consent. Directory information includes student names, parent's names, addresses and telephone numbers. If you do not want such information released, please request this by notifying the respective principals. By Indiana statute, Armed Forces recruiting representatives are allowed access to directory information.

Teacher orientation and in-service will be held Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15.

Should the school corporation find it necessary to delay school or dismiss early, the official radio stations for notification are Rochester WROI 92.1, Logansport WSAI 102.3 or Logansport Hoosier Country 103.7. There will be an alternative kindergarten schedule this year for early dismissals or delays as follows:

- 1-hour delay (fog delay or severe weather): AM kinder-

Spaghetti Supper at Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church at Lake Bruce will serve its annual spaghetti supper Saturday, July 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation.

The church is handicap accessible on the east side of the building.

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Fund Established to Send Local Veteran to Reunion

Local businessman, Tom Hickie, and the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 have joined forces to raise funds to send David Besse, Sr., Kewanna, to a USS Iowa Battleship reunion in Portland, Oregon, August 29 - September 6. Due to a handicap, the soon-to-be 82-year-old will need a traveling companion, a position Roy Briney has volunteered to fill.

Dave served onboard the USS Iowa during World War II from May 1943 until December 8, 1946. While having coffee at the local Kibitzer, a daily routine for Dave, he recalled his war-time service and mentioned to owner, Tom Hickie, the upcoming reunion. Tom asked Dave if he would like to attend if he could. Dave responded in the affirmative, so wheels were set in motion to make arrangements and raise funds to make the trip possible.

Donations to fund Dave's trip (air fare and lodging) are being accepted at the Kibitzer, the VFW and Community State Bank.

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James F. Talbott VFW #1121 Activities

July 18 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

July 19 - Ladies Auxiliary card drawing, 7 p.m.

July 25 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

July 30 - Open Sunday noon. Free food and euchre. Everyone welcome.

garten students come one hour late and leave at the regular time; PM kindergarten will be on the regular schedule

- 2-hour delay (fog delay or severe weather): AM kindergarten schedule, 10:30 to 12:30; PM kindergarten, 1:10 to 3:12
- Planned early dismissal (half day staff development): AM kindergarten schedule, 8:30 to 10:20; PM kindergarten, 11:00 to 12:50.

If you have any questions or want additional information about the start of school, call Mr. Matt Rickett, high school principal, at 574-857-3505; Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, elementary principal, at 574-857-3025; or the superintendent's office at 574-857-2035.

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Fulton Fun Days, August 4, 5 & 6

The Liberty/Fulton Lions Club will sponsor its Fulton Fun Days Festival August 4, 5 and 6. This year's theme is "Taking Pride in Our Community".

Friday's activities include 3-on-3 youth basketball for 5th through 8th graders at 5 p.m. Call 574-857-3325 for entry. A double elimination mushball tournament will start at 6 p.m. To enter, call 574-857-2700. Final registration for a euchre tournament ends at 6 p.m. with play scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. To enter this tournament, call 574-857-3708. Karaoke with Captain Crunch and Indiana Cowboy Will Dilts is set for 7 p.m.

The Masonic Lodge will serve breakfast from 6:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday. The mushball tournament and 3-on-3 JV, varsity and open basketball will continue at 8 a.m. New this year is a Puppy Trot Race for preschoolers at 8:30 a.m., along with the 4K/5K Bulldog Race/Walk. Call 574-653-2899 for entry info. The parade will kick-off at 11 a.m. Lineup will be in the former Feed Bag restaurant parking lot. To enter, call 574-857-3241. A pedal tractor pull will be held at 12:30 p.m. Registration will be by the basketball court at the park. Free bingo will be played at the pavilions beginning at 12:30 p.m. Members of the various fire departments in Fulton County will compete in a waterball contest beginning at 1 p.m. Kids' games will be offered from 1:30 to 3 p.m. with free pony rides following. A fish and chicken fry will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. by the Liberty Township Park Board. The fish and chicken will be prepared by Ernie Hiatt. A jam session concert featuring country, bluegrass and gospel music will be presented from 5 to 8 p.m.

Observer/Clerk's Office Closed

The Observer office and Kewanna town clerk-treasurer's office will be closed for ten days beginning Thursday, July 20, for vacation. The offices will re-open Monday, July 31.

Kewanna water and sewage customers can pay their bills by depositing them in the drop box at the town hall or mailing them to PO Box 5, Kewanna, IN 46939.

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Outdoor Worship Service, July 30

There will be an outdoor worship service at the L'Abri Pavilion, 1610 N 1125 W, Kewanna, Sunday, July 30, at 8 a.m. Rob Wingerter will speak on "Loving the Lord with all your Mind," the third of a four-part series, *Loving the Lord with all Your Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength*. The final service will be September 3.

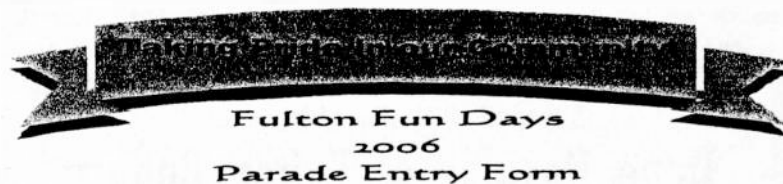
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Organizer Keith McGrew invites everyone to bring their instruments and join in.

Other Saturday activities will include a Fulton County Historical Power Association display and a flight simulator from Grissom. Various food vendors will be on hand Friday and Saturday and the Lions will be raffling a quilt donated by Mary's Stitch 'n Knit.

A gospel singspiration hosted by the Fulton United Methodist Church and featuring local talent will start at 6 p.m. Sunday. A youth Christian rock concert will also start at 6 p.m. at the FBT Center (former T.M. Morris building) featuring *More Than Conquerors*.

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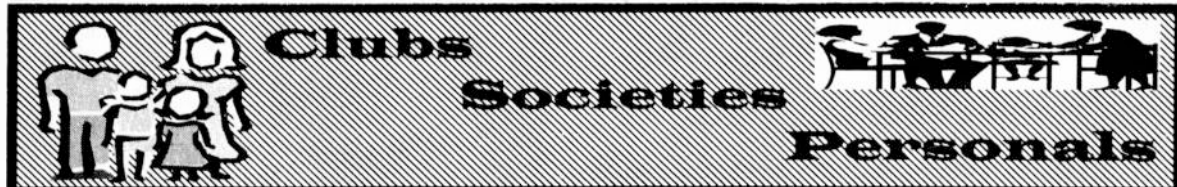
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Family (Household) Size	Reduced-Price Meals			Free Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	18,130	1,511	349	12,740	1,062	245
2	24,420	2,035	470	17,160	1,430	330
3	30,710	2,560	591	21,580	1,799	415
4	37,000	3,084	712	26,000	2,167	500
5	43,290	3,608	833	30,420	2,535	585
6	49,580	4,132	954	34,840	2,904	670
7	55,870	4,656	1,075	39,260	3,272	755
8	62,160	5,180	1,196	43,680	3,640	840
For each additional Person:	+6,290	+525	+121	+4,420	+369	+85



Depot Days Committee Seeking Crafters

The Grass Creek Lions Club and Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department will host their 4th annual Depot Day Saturday, September 9, at the Grass Creek Community Park. The committee in charge is looking for crafters that would be interested in setting up a table for the one-day event. For more information and an application, contact Sandy Gates at 574-653-2359 or Eileen Sommers at 574-653-2230.

The event will also include a hog roast, games for all ages and antique tractors displayed by the Fulton County Historical Power Association.

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Genealogy for Night Owls at Museum

Late night genealogy is something new at the museum.

The Genealogy Section of the Fulton County Historical Society has scheduled a special "Genealogy for Night Owls" at the museum July 28. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Jack K. Overmyer telling about local history and Fulton County folks he remembers. This will be followed by time for research in the Tetzlaff Reference Room in the museum, and the opportunity to use the computers. Melinda Clinger, museum director, subscribes to Ancestry.com and will show participants how to use it. Closing time will be 12 midnight.

Attendees should bring their notebooks, photos, cameras, laptop computers, scanners and family files. "We hope to hear laptops whirring all over the reference and meeting rooms. And hear family and friends laughing and sharing, and shouts of joy for information finally found!" stated Dora Leininger Jones, president of the Genealogy Section.

Snacks and drinks will be available. The museum is air conditioned, handicapped accessible, and has ample parking.

Tippecanoe River State Park Lists Special Events

The Tippecanoe River State Park north of Winamac has listed several special events for July.

Kim Hoover, a wildlife rehabilitator and former Kewanna resident, will be on hand at the nature center from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, to show off her friends (owls).

The park observes central daylight time.

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VBS at First Baptist

The First Baptist Church, Kewanna, will host a vacation Bible school Sunday, August 6, through Wednesday, August 9.

The Ensminger Family from Princeton, Minnesota, will present a program entitled "Instruments for Praise" for children from age four to 12 years. More information will be announced later.

Kewanna Locals

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week, so please give them your best regards, are: Carol Basham, Taylor Grounds and Michael Nimitz, July 30; Bo Hines, Larry Kimble, Andrea Wallace and Ryan Whalen, July 31; Bryce Basham, Brandy Cummins, Bridget Cummins, Jill Kropa, Roy Allen McGee and Ethan Whiteman, Aug. 1; Mike Cogdill, Rachel Cogdill and Maryelwyn Tennent, Aug. 3; Robert Artist, Charlie Baldwin, Mary Chew, Johan Miller and Lanier Redweik, Aug. 4; and Brandi Briney, Jacon Green, Kerrie Green and Linda Reinholt, Aug. 5.

There are eleven couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Young and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Zimpleman, July 30; Dr. and Mrs. Tom Troutman, July 31; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burkett, Aug. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Roger

Vogel, Aug. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Douglass, Aug. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Jon Unger, Aug. 4; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman Jr. and Mrs. David Jones, Aug. 5.

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Homeowners Get More Protections under New Law

Attorney General Steve Carter Unfortunately, Indiana has one of the highest home foreclosure rates in the country.

Many families have fallen on hard times and the loss of the home due to an unexpected event such as a family illness or unemployment can be devastating. To make matters worse, there are people out there who prey on families that are simply doing all they can to save their homes from foreclosure.

If you're in danger of losing your home, you may have been tempted to respond to advertisements claiming "We Buy Homes". Although these offers may seem like a tempting way to avoid foreclosure, they may end badly for the homeowners.

The offers are led by "foreclosure consultants" who target homeowners who have been threatened with foreclosure. Homeowners pay foreclosure consultants with hopes that the foreclosure consultant can stop or delay foreclosure. In reality, the mortgages are not paid by the company and the original homeowners ends up losing the home in spite of the fees paid to

the company.

In order to better regulate "foreclosure consultants" the Indiana Attorney General's office supported a change in state law which provides homeowners with more protections when facing foreclosure.

These new changes in state law empower the homeowner and place disclosure requirements on companies that engage in these types of activities. The law now:

- Requires various written disclosures to inform homeowners about significant aspects of the service they are purchasing
- Provides a three-day right to cancel
- Prohibits a company or individual from obtaining power of attorney from the homeowner. In some cases, homeowners were unknowingly appointing the foreclosure consultant to act on the homeowners behalf.
- Requires foreclosure consultants to obtain a surety

bond of at least \$25,000

The legislation makes it clear that a violation also constitutes a deceptive act under the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, which allows the attorney general to seek remedies including injunction, restitution, and reimbursement of the attorney general's cost.

If you or a loved one is facing foreclosure, seek help from a reputable organization with a proven track record of success. Before you enter into any agreements with a foreclosure consultant, carefully read and understand all paperwork you're signing.

Victims of foreclosure scams should file a complaint with the attorney general at <http://www.attorneygeneral.in.gov> or call 1-800-382-5516. The attorney general's office stands ready to pursue action against scammers who take advantage of vulnerable Hoosiers.

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Large Print Christian Fiction— *The Englisher* (#2 of the Annie's People series) by Beverly Lewis.

JUVENILES:

Nonfiction— from the Which Came First? series: *Clothing Creations-from T-shirts to Flip-Flops*, *Communication Inventions- from Hieroglyphics to DVDs and Food Creations-from Hot Dogs to Ice Cream Cones* by Jacqueline A. Ball, *Sporting Events-from Baseball to Skateboarding* by Gabriel Kaufman, *Household Inventions-from Toilets to Toasters* by Natalie Lunis and *Transportation Inventions- from Subways to Submarines* by Sandra Will; from the Smart Animals series: *Chimpanzees* and *Parrots* by Margaret Fetty, *Dolphins* by Scott Ingram, *Crows* by Natalie Lunis and *Elephants and Pigs* by Duncan Searl; and from the Early Settler Life series by Bobbie

Kalman: *Early Christmas, The Early Family Home, Early Schools, Early Settler Health and Medicine and Early Village Life.*

Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. Due to a

scheduling conflict in August, the counselor will be available on the third Thursday. To schedule an appointment for August 17, call 574-223-3326.

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Softball Tournament at Fulton

The Fulton-Liberty Lions Club is once again bringing a weekend of fun and fellowship to the Fulton area with its annual Fulton Fun Days, August 4-6. Among the many activities planned is a 16" softball tournament.

Area churches are invited to bring one or more teams to compete. The entry fee is \$100 per team and payout will be based on the number of teams participating. The double-elimination tournament is planned to start Friday evening and conclude on Saturday.

For more information or to enter a team, contact Wendell Burton, 323 E 600 S, Rochester, IN 46975, telephone 574-857-6750; or A. J. DePyper, 6690 S 250 W, Rochester, IN 46975, telephone 574-857, 2700.

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In the matter of determining tax rates for certain purposes by the (Library Board of Akron Carnegie Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Akron Carnegie Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said Library, will conduct a public hearing at Akron Carnegie Public Library on the 2007 budget on August 7, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of the political subdivision within seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy that taxpayers object to. If a petition is filed, the political subdivision shall adopt with its budget a finding concerning the objections filed and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the Library Board will meet at the Akron Carnegie Public Library on September 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the following budget.

Net Assessed Valuation \$75,103,616.00

BUDGET ESTIMATE AND TAX LEVIES

FUND NAME	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
Library Operating Fund	162,698.00	93,990.00	84,204.00
Capital Projects Fund	14,066.00	12,000.00	1,325.00
Debt Service	120,000.00	115,000.00	109,209.00
TOTAL	296,764.00	220,990.00	194,738.00

The year 2007 estimated maximum levy limitation for this unit is 93,990.00.

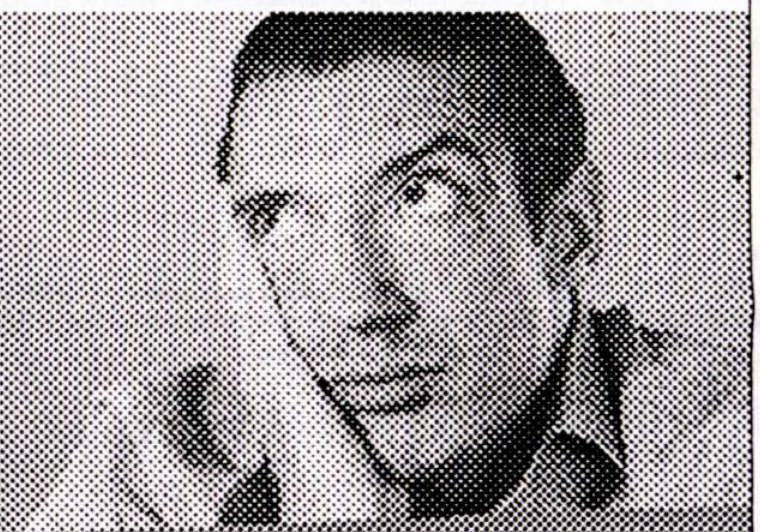
The Property Tax Replacement Credit used to reduce the rate for this unit is 7,000.00.

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Pursuant to IC 6-1-1-17-13, after the tax levies have been determined, fixed by the appropriate governing body, and the tax rates published by the County Auditor, then (10) or more taxpayers or one (1) taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision may initiate an appeal from the county board of tax adjustment's action on a political subdivision's budget by filing a statement of their objections with the County Auditor. The statement must be filed not later than ten (10) days after the publication of the notice. The statement shall specifically identify the provisions of the budget and tax levy to which the taxpayers object. The County Auditor shall forward the statement, with the budget, to the Department of Local Government Finance.

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Jill Runkle, President of Library Board
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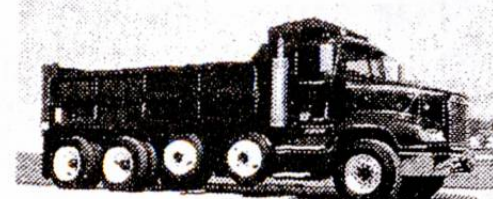
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE SECOND COMMISSIONERS SALE

FULTON COUNTY INDIANA
BEGINNING 08/15/2006
10:00 AM FULTON COUNTY TIME

STATE OF INDIANA

FULTON COUNTY

The following properties will be sold at public auction on 08/15/2006 at 10:00 AM in FULTON County at 125 EAST 9TH STREET to the highest bidder and will be sold for an amount which has been determined by the County Commissioners.

In the initial offering, the properties were offered for an amount which was not less than the sum of:

- (A) 100% of appraised value if the assessment is more than \$2000, those properties assessed at less than \$2000 will be sold for the assessed value, and
- (B) appraisal costs; and
- (C) title search costs; and
- (D) recording fees; and
- (E) advertising costs; and

If the property is sold, a Commissioners Deed will be issued. The property may not be sold to a person who is ineligible under IC 36-1-11-16.

The FULTON County Board of Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which may have been listed in error, or which otherwise become ineligible for sale either prior to 08/15/2006 or during the duration of the sale.

This notice of Commissioner's sale, and the sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for Commissioners, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-11 et seq.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2006

The following listed properties will be offered on 08/15/2006 for the amount that is not less than the amount listed unless otherwise noted.
*- pending appraised value

Detailed information may be reviewed at the Auditor's Office located in the Government Center.

2524001 25001-05016-01 \$2,300.00
Mckenzie Bryant & Jackie LOTS 31-32
BLK 1 TIPP SHORES UNIT 1 9716
Willow Dr

2524002 25001-15024-00 \$87.50 Ozark
Lakeshore Co LOTS 16 & 17 BLK 23
TIPPECANOE SHORES UNIT 4. N Side
Of Lynn Dr Approx 75 Sq Ft From Dead
End

2524005 25002-01007-00 \$10.00
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS KINGS LAKE MONT
LAND DEV SEC 1 LOTS 65 & 72 BIRCH
ST KINGS LK

2524006 25002-01015-00 \$10.00
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS SEC 1 LOT 186 & 191
KINGS LAKE MONT LAND DEV FIR ST
KINGS LK

2524014 25002-02074-00 \$75.00
Brown Albert & Mary Jane SEC 1 LOTS
39 & 46 KINGS LAKE MONTEREY LAND
DEV. South Side Of Birch St Between
St Rd 17 And Maple St

2524017 25002-02103-00 \$10.00
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS SEC C LOTS 364 &
365 SEC C LOTS 329 & 330 525 N

2524018 25002-03013-00 \$50.00
Williams Bernella & Sandifer L SEC B
LOTS 346 & 347 KINGS LAKE RESORT.
South Side Of Prairie St Between
Michigan St & Wabash St

2524023 25002-04037-00 \$5.00
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS SEC 1 LOTS 89 & 96
KINGS LAKE MONTEREY LAND DEV
CEDAR ST KINGS LK

2524035 25002-08059-00 \$50.00 Hill
Fredrick Leroy SEC B LOTS 303 & 304
KINGS LAKE RESORT. East Cor Of
Michigan St & Prairie St On N Side Of
Prairie St

2524039 25002-10012-00 \$100.00
Jackson James W & Hazel SEC B LOTS
198 THRU 201 KINGS LAKE RESORT.
Sw Cor Of Indiana St & Wabash St On S
Side Of Indiana St

2524040 25002-10013-00 \$150.00
Jackson James W & Hazel SEC C LOTS
16, 17 & 18 KINGS LAKE RESORT SEC C
LOTS 1, 1A & 2 KINGS LAKE RESORT
Sw Cor Of Indiana St & State St; E Of
Ditch & W Corner Of S Side Of Illinois &
State St

2524042 25002-10044-00 \$50.00
Johnson Susan & Etal SEC K LOTS 83 &
84 KINGS LAKE RESORT. N Side Of
California St Between Penn St & Old St
Rd 17

2524043 25002-11002-00 \$100.00
Kauffman William W & Dorothy B SEC B
LOTS 554 THRU 557 KINGS LAKE
RESORT. N Side Of Old St Rd 17
Between Michigan St & Wabash St

2524047 25002-11020-00 \$125.00 King
Hilda SEC 3 LOT 79 KINGS LAKE
MONTEREY LAND DEV. E Side Of
Maple St Between 475 & Hickory St

2524049 25002-12000-00 \$50.00
Langland Shannon E KINGS LAKE
RESORT SEC C LOTS 139 & 140 N Side
Of Indiana St Between State St & Old St
Rd 17

2524052 25002-12015-00 \$287.50
Lewis Gladys SEC A LOTS 343 THRU
346, LOTS 292 THRU 295 & LOTS 130
THRU 133 KINGS LAKE RESORT S Side
Of Indiana St & N And S Side Of Calumet
St Between 1000 W & St Rd 17

2524063 25002-18035-00 \$112.50
Roberts Edna M SEC 3 LOTS 27 & 53 &
54 KINGS LAKE MONTEREY LAND DEV.
S Side Of Oak St Between Maple St & St
Rd 17

2524070 25002-19050-00 \$987.50
Spaulding Ollie Mae SEC A LOTS 124
THRU 127 KINGS LAKE RESORT. 1000
W Indiana St

2524074 25002-20026-00 \$5.00
Thomas Willetta Mrs SEC 1 LOT 200
KINGS LAKE MONTEREY LAND DEV.
Cor Of State St & E Ellis

2524081 25002-23043-00 \$50.00
Whittaker Joe L & Jennie SEC B LOTS
192 & 193 KINGS LAKE RESORT. S
Side Of Indiana St Between Michigan St
& Wabash St

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true list of lots and land owned and declared surplus to county needs by the County Board of Commissioners. Given under my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners dated this 3rd day of August, 2006.

Denise Bonnell, Auditor Fulton County
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF TAX LEVIES

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Caston School Corporation, Fulton and Cass County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of said School Corporation at the school administration building, on August 15, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. will conduct a public hearing on the budget. Following the meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate or tax levy by filing an objection with the proper officers of the political subdivision within seven days after the hearing. The objecting petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate or tax levy the taxpayers object to. If a petition is filed, the political subdivision shall adopt with its budget a written finding concerning the objections filed and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the School Board will meet at the school administration building on September 3, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. to adopt the following budget:

010 GENERAL FUND		
11000: Instruction - Regular Programs	\$2,430,800.00	
12000: Instruction - Special Programs	22,000.00	
13000: Instruction - Adult/Continuing Education	88,500.00	
14000: Instruction - Summer School	43,200.00	
15000: Enrichment Programs	46,000.00	
16000: Remediation Programs	126,450.00	
21000: Support Services - Pupils	88,500.00	
22000: Support Services - Instruction Staff	246,200.00	
23000: Support Services - General Administration	263,900.00	
24000: Support Services - School Administration	1,024,600.00	
25000: Support Services - Business	1,238,480.00	
26000: Support Services - Central		
29000: Support Services - Other	80,600.00	
30000: Community Services	750,000.00	
40000: Nonprogrammed Charges		
50000: Debt Services		
Total General Fund		\$6,360,730.00

020 DEBT SERVICE FUND		
25000: Support Services - Business	12,000.00	
40000: Nonprogrammed Charges		
50000: Debt Services	263,690.00	
Total Debt Service Fund		275,690.00

035 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
25320: Land Acquisition and Development		
25330: Professional Services		
25340: Education Specifications Development		
25350: Building Acquisition, Constr. and Improvement	723,200.00	
25355: Sports Facility		
25360: Rental of Buildings, Grounds and Equipment	136,000.00	
25380: Purchase of Mobile or Fixed Equipment	20,000.00	
25390: Emergency Allocation		
25420: Utility Services	20,000.00	
25440: Maintenance of Equipment		
25470: Property or Casualty Insurance		
25910: Judgments		
25930: Easements		
26490: Other Staff Services	30,300.00	
26700: Technology Coordinator	88,000.00	
26710: Technology Support and Maintenance		
51600: Other DLGF Approved Debt		
52200: Interest on Debt		
53100: Buildings		
53200: Equipment		
54200: Common School Fund		
Total Capital Projects Fund		1,017,500.00

041 TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND		
25000: Support Services - Business	560,700.00	
26000: Support Services - Central	251,500.00	
50000: Debt Services		
Total Transportation Operating Fund		812,200.00

042 BUS REPLACEMENT FUND		
25000: Support Services - Business	70,000.00	
50000: Debt Services		
Total Bus Replacement Fund		70,000.00

060 SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL FUND		
12000: Instruction - Special Programs		
26000: Support Services - Central	40,000.00	
40000: Nonprogrammed Charges		
50000: Debt Services		
Total Special Education Preschool Fund		40,000.00

061 RAINY DAY FUND		
26000: Support Services - Central	107,600.00	
Total RAINY DAY Fund		\$ 107,600.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED AND TO BE COLLECTED: (Property tax to be collected in current year and actual collections for the previous three (3) years).

Fund Name	Collected Year 2003	Collected Year 2004	Collected Year 2005	Collected Year 2006
General	1,601,562.00	1,667,300.00	1,825,544.00	1,713,960.00
Debt Services	216,419.00	280,672.00	262,330.00	176,245.00
Capital Projects	647,542.00	669,380.00	698,160.00	646,230.00
Transportation	447,015.00	478,945.00	512,172.00	521,161.00
Bus Replacement	92,785.00	92,351.00	119,932.00	105,194.00
Spec. Educ. Preschool	7,479.00	4,975.00	5,184.00	4,805.00
Retirement/Severance				
Total	\$3,012,802.00	\$3,193,623.00	\$3,423,322.00	\$3,167,595.00

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS TO BE RAISED

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	BUS REPLACEMENT FUND	SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL FUND	RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND	RAINY DAY FUND
FUNDS REQUIRED FOR EXPENSES TO DECEMBER 31 OF INCOMING YEAR								
1. Total Budget Estimate for ensuing year Jan 1 to Dec. 31, 2007, inclusive	\$6,360,730.00	\$275,690.00	\$1,017,500.00	\$ 812,200.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		\$107,600.00
2. Balance of appropriations from July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year less any reductions made by governing body of present year	5,428,343.00	129,283.00	849,270.00	760,338.00	112,123.00	31,990.00		276,631.00
3. Additional appropriations anticipated from July 1 through December 31 of present year								
4. Outstanding Temporary Loans								
a. To be paid not included in lines 2 or 3								
b. Not repaid by December 31 of present year								
5. Total estimated expenditures (lines 1-4b)	11,789,073.00	404,973.00	1,866,770.00	1,572,538.00	182,123.00	71,990.00		384,231.00
FUNDS ON HAND AND TO BE RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSED TAX LEVY								
6. Actual Cash Balances, June 30 of present year	2,956,950.00	153,369.00	717,512.00	572,773.00	152,625.00	39,745.00		384,285.00
7. Anticipated Property Tax Collections (Estimated Dec. Settlement Amount)	917,592.00	94,357.00	345,968.00	279,009.00	56,318.00	2,572.00		
8. Other revenue anticipated from July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year (Schedule on File)								
a. Total Column A, Budget Form No. 2	1,709,533.00	11,015.00	36,524.00	32,396.00	6,588.00	6,303.00		
b. Total Column B, Budget Form No. 2	2,893,173.00	20,700.00	59,800.00	44,000.00	10,250.00	13,455.00		
9. TOTAL FUNDS (Add lines 6, 7, 8a and 8b)	8,477,248.00	279,441.00	1,159,804.00	928,178.00	225,781.00	62,755.00		384,285.00
10. NET AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RAISED FOR EXPENSES TO DEC. 31 OF ENSUING YEAR (Deduct line 9 from line 5)	3,311,825.00	125,532.00	706,966.00	644,360.00	(43,658.00)	9,915.00		(54.00)
11. Operating Balance, CPF Allocations for Future Projects, or Bus Replacement Allocations (Excess Funds)	50,000.00	139,108.00	0.00	50,000.00	200,000.00	20,000.00		54.00
12. TOTAL (Add lines 10 and 11)	3,361,825.00	264,640.00	706,966.00	694,360.00	156,342.00	29,915.00		0.00
13. Property Tax Replacement Credit from County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)								
14. Total less Property Tax Replacement Credit (line 12 less line 13)	3,361,825.00	264,640.00	706,966.00	694,360.00	156,342.00	29,915.00		0.00
15. Levy Excess (Collections in excess of 102% from a prior year) applied to levy	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
16. Net Amount to be Raised (line 14 less line 15)	3,361,825.00	264,640.00	706,966.00	694,360.00	156,342.00	29,915.00		0.00
EXCESSIVE LEVY APPEALS (include in line 16)								
CURRENT YEAR LEVY	1,713,960.00	176,245.00	646,230.00	521,161.00	105,194.00	4,805.00		0.00

Net Assessed Valuation of the taxable property for the year 20 06 payable 20 07 : \$185,632,331

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-17-13, after the tax levies have been determined, fixed by the appropriate governing body, and the tax rates published by the County Auditor, ten (10) or more taxpayers or one (1) taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision may initiate an appeal from the county board of tax adjustment's action on a political subdivision's budget by filing a statement of their objections with the County Auditor. The statement must be filed not later than ten (10) days after the publication of the notice. The statement shall specifically identify the provisions of the budget and tax levy to which the taxpayers object. The County Auditor shall forward the statement, with the budget, to the Department of Local Government Finance.

NOTICE

In addition to the annual budget, the proper officers of Caston School Corporation, will meet at the school administration building, August 15, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. to consider the establishment of a Capital Projects Plan.

The following is a general outline of the plan:

Account No.	20 07	20 08	20 09
(1) Land Acquisition and Development	25320		
(2) Professional Services	25330	500	300
(3) Education Specifications Development	25340		
(4) Building Acquisition, Construction, Improvements	25350	723,200	548,333
(5) Rental of Buildings, Grounds and Equipment	25360		
(6) Purchase of Mobile or Fixed Equipment	25380	133,500	200,000
(7) Emergency Allocations	25390	20,000	78,665
(8) Utility Services	25420		
(9) Maintenance of Equipment	25440	20,000	25,000
(10) Sports Facilities	25455		
(11) Property or Casualty Insurance	25470		
(12) Other Staff Services	26490	30,300	35,000
(13) Technology	26710	88,000	90,000
SUBTOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	1,017,500	977,500	928,833
(14) Allocations for Future Projects (Cumulative Totals)			
(15) Transfer to Repair and Replacement Fund	43100		
(16) Interest Transfer to _____ Fund	43100		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ALLOCATIONS	1,017,500	977,500	928,833
SOURCES AND ESTIMATES OF REVENUE			
(1) January 1, Cash Balance	175,000		
(2) Less Encumbrances Carried Forward from Previous Year	0		
(3) Estimated Cash Balance Available for Plan (Line 1 minus Line 2)	175,000	0	0
(4) Property Tax Revenue	722,500	927,500	878,833
(5) Auto Excise, CVET and FIT receipts	50,000	50,000	50,000
(6) Other Revenue (Interest Income)			
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN (Add lines 3, 4, 5, 6)	1,017,500	977,500	928,833
ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX RATE TO FUND PLAN	.4284	.4256	.4287
BASED UPON AN ASSESSED VALUATION OF:	185,000,000	193,000,000	203,000,000

TAXPAYERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING FOR A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE PLAN AND TO BE HEARD ON THE PROPOSED PLAN.

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposal. If the proposal is adopted by resolution, such proposal will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance for approval.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2006

(Show names and titles of Board Members)

Bruce E. Cress, President
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Joyce E. Zartman, Vice-President

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information on it.
 —Samuel Johnson

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—Bertrand Russell

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—Aristotle

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—Benjamin Disraeli

Caston Fall Sports Practices

All athletes in grades 6-12 who anticipate playing a sport at Caston Jr./Sr. High School during the 2006-2007 school year must have a physical on file with their coach or the athletic director in order to participate in their first practice. These forms can be picked up in the high school office. Jean Herd will be giving physicals from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 31, at the high school for students who still need them. The cost is \$10.

The current practice schedule includes:

High school football – July 31-August 4, 7 a.m. until 12:30 pm

Junior high football – August 7-11, 6 to 8 pm

High school volleyball conditioning – July 24-28 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. with practice July 31-August 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Junior high volleyball – August 22, 3:30 to 5 pm

Sixth grade volleyball – August 21-24, 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the elementary gym

Varsity girls golf – July 28, July 31 and August 1, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (meet at the ag room)

Varsity soccer – July 31-August 4, 5 to 8 pm

Junior high soccer – August 14 and 15, 6 to 8 p.m. and August 16, 17 and 18, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

All Caston students are reminded that the weight room will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. until July 28.

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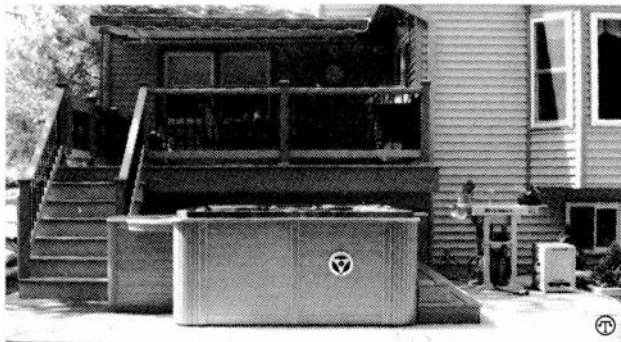
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Entertain in Your Hot Tub

Make your backyard one of the most comfortable and relaxing places in your home with the addition of some alfresco entertainment. Need to unwind? Try a therapeutic spa with a wave lounger that will massage your body in a wavelike motion from head to toe. Prefer the relaxation that only comes by watching your favorite show? For what many consider the ultimate luxury,



ThermoSpas All Weather Entertainment Center features a no-glare, waterproof TV, a built-in stereo with surround sound, a radio/CD/DVD player, a bar top and stools, a minifridge or wine cooler and a cigar humidor (www.thermospas.com).

Effortless Awnings

Motorized retractable awnings provide an elegant solution for enhancing backyard enjoyment and offer a number of benefits. In addition to coming in a wide variety of sizes and colors, awnings, like those from SunSetter powered by Somfy motors, can make any deck or patio cooler and more comfortable while increasing a home's energy efficiency. Awnings provide a protected outdoor living space that's comfortable and affordable. The awnings can reduce the temperature of decks or patios by up to 20 degrees, protect from harmful UV rays and expand your outdoor living area, all at the push of a button. (www.sunsetter.com—www.somfysystems.com.)

Stress-Free Garden Hose

Your gardening and outdoor chores keep you active enough—why deal with the hassle of a tangled, heavy gar-

den hose? One example of a device that makes this job much easier relies on water power, rather than electricity or batteries. ReelSmart, from Hydro Industries (www.hydroindustries.com), is a water-powered, auto-rewind hose reel that automatically rewinds your garden hose with the flip of a lever. The company offers different models, including an outdoor sink and hose reel combo for watering, potted plants, BBQ food prep, and pet and car cleaning. There is a number of auto-rewind hose reel styles that will keep your garden hose organized and protected from the sun.

Now you can enjoy the splinter-free, easy-care style of a beautiful composite deck, the relaxing jets of a soothing spa that truly entertains, the sun protection and ease of a motorized awning, and the simplicity of an auto-rewind hose reel. For more information, visit the Web sites.



BETTER BOATING

Boat Owners Intend To Sail On Despite Gas Prices

(NAPS)—Boat owners say high gas prices won't sink their plans this summer. However, according to a new survey, higher prices will have them easing off the throttle more often.

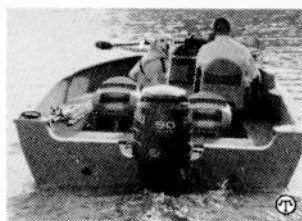
Like other motorists, boat enthusiasts are caught in the wake of high fuel prices—especially those who pay a premium to gas up at marinas. But many boat owners indicate they are willing to "pay to play," saying gas prices would have to nearly double before they change their lifestyle.

The survey, conducted by The Brandware Group, Inc. for Nationwide Mutual Insurance, indicated that two-thirds of boat owners reported high fuel prices would not cause them to use their boats less often. In fact, boat owners are willing to pay about \$2.70 more per gallon for fuel before they will consider docking their boats.

"When talking with our customers about boating we learned that while they're concerned about rising fuel prices, the passion they have for their boats overrides those concerns," said Greg Blanchard, Nationwide's vice president of Specialty Products.

The survey also showed boat owners intended to be on the water just as often as last summer—about 20 times—but expect to run their engines about 25 minutes less per trip. The sailors surveyed said they spend 28 percent of their total leisure time on the water.

Experts say that with high fuel costs putting a strain on



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boat owners' wallets, boat owners should make sure they have the right protection against the unexpected so they don't get hit with burdensome repair or replacement costs.

"Protecting your investments by making sure they are insured to value is an important step in protecting your lifestyle," said Blanchard. "The money crunch really hits home if something happens and you don't have adequate insurance to repair or replace your baby."

According to the survey, one in five power boat owners and one in three bass boat owners do not have insurance on their boat. Of those with insurance, about 35 percent don't have liability coverage. About 40 percent of power boat owners and 53 percent of bass boat owners don't have collision coverage. About one in five power boat owners and a quarter of all bass boat owners would rather take their chances than pay to fully insure their boats.

Nationwide is one of the largest insurance and financial services organizations in the world. To learn more, visit www.nationwide.com.

Fabulous Food

Impress Guests With Cajun Fried Soft-Shell Crabs

by LouAna Chef
Patrick Mould

(NAPS)—Fried soft-shell crabs have been considered a delicacy since they were first enjoyed in the 1880s.

Soft-shell crabs are actually blue crabs and they're found in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The following recipe makes it easy to enjoy them—even if you've never prepared them before.

Cajun Fried Soft-Shell Crabs

Ingredients:

- 4 cleaned, jumbo soft-shell crabs
- 4 teaspoons Cajun seasoning
- ½ lemon (juiced)
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 4 cups flour
- 4 cups LouAna Peanut Oil, for that nutty taste without cholesterol

Directions:

1. Season soft-shell crabs with 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning and juice from a lemon.

2. Beat together eggs, milk and 1 teaspoon of Cajun seasoning in a bowl.

3. Season flour with remaining 2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning. Preheat oil to 350 degrees.

4. Dredge crabs in flour,



Golden-brown crabs with a hint of Cajun flavor are easy to prepare and easy to enjoy.

completely coating crabs. Dip in milk and egg batter and dredge back in flour.

5. Carefully drop crabs in preheated oil and fry until golden brown and floating, about 4 to 5 minutes, turning several times.

6. Allow cooked crabs to drain on paper towels before serving.

Yield: 4 soft-shell crabs

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Learning without thought
is labor lost; thought without
learning is perilous.

—Confucius

That is what learning is.
You suddenly understand
something you've understood
all your life, but in
a new way.

—Doris Lessing

Whoso neglects learning
in his youth, loses the
past and is dead for the
future.

—Euripides

Much learning does not
teach understanding.

—Heraclitus

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—A new DVD may help improve the future outlook for children with disabilities. Called "Fit for the Future," it addresses two of the most important issues facing people with disabilities today: health and employment. The DVD was released by Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For more information, visit the Web site at www.shriners.org. If you know a child whom Shriners can help, call (800) 237-5055 in the United States or (800) 361-7256 in Canada.



disability that the patient can't tolerate. Yet a 1999 study in *Arthritis & Rheumatism* found that those who get early treatment tend to have less post-operative pain and better knee function after surgery. For more information about knee replacement, visit www.knee replacement.com.

According to a 2000 study in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, women are three times more likely than men to suffer from continuous knee pain and three times less likely than men to undergo needed knee replacement surgery. They also have worse joint function when they do turn to surgery, which suggests that they wait longer before getting treatment. Why are women waiting? Women are delaying surgery for a number of social and psychological reasons, from worries about caring for their families during recovery to myths about the surgery itself. Women may sometimes avoid knee replacement because of the conventional wisdom that surgery is only recommended when discomfort turns into

More than 1 million people in the U.S. suffer from critical limb ischemia (CLI), the most severe form of peripheral arterial disease—a common condition in people with diabetes. An estimated 160,000 amputations are performed in the U.S. each year, directly stemming from CLI—and many of them are preventable. CLiRpath (Cool Laser Revascularization for Peripheral Artery Therapy) uses a "cool" excimer laser to treat obstructions common in CLI. CLiRpath vaporizes the blockage, allowing blood flow to resume, which may increase the chances that wounds can heal and limbs can be saved. To learn more, call (800) 231-0978 or visit www.spectranetics.com.